SOCIALIZATION PROCESS

Overview

- Socialization process
- Sources
- Self-concept
- Discuss the three identities used to structure our self-concept
- Explain ego-defense mechanism
- Strategies for changing self concept

Socialization Process

- **Encompassing educational process**
  - **Values**
  - **Goals**
  - **Attitudes**
  - **Gender roles**

Sources

- **Family – being most influential in younger years**
- **Media – any form of mass communication**
- **Peers and friends – greatest influence during teenage years**
- **Teachers and school**
- **Child care providers**

Gender Role Socialization

- **Are there defined gender roles for men and women?**
  - **Taught what boys or men do**
  - **Taught what girls or women do**
  - **How do defined gender roles impact our Marines / Sailors?**

Sources cont.

- **Dr. Morris Massey's value programming**
  - **What we are now directly relates to when, and where, we were valued programmed**
  - **We are programmed with gut values by age 10**
  - **Values will not change unless a SEE occurs**

Significant Emotional Event

- Birth
- Death
- Marriage
- Divorce
- Graduation
- Marine Corps

Self Concept

- **Understanding self is critical to effectively interact with others**
- **Social interaction is one of the most important influences on ourselves**

Three Identities

- **Extant self**
- **Desiring self**
- **Presenting self**

Self Concept Explained

- Concept of self is an ever-changing progressive activity
- Emotional / cognitive process
- Positive and negative reinforcements

Self Concept Explained

- Ego Defense Mechanisms
  - Blame
  - Denial
  - Rationalization
  - Reinterpretation

Strategies for Changing Self-Concept

- Soul searching
- Motivation to change
- Absence of defensiveness

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